

## Clicker 8

# How to Adapt Predictor Options for Individual Students

## *(Options > Predictor)*

### Introduction

In this tutorial you will learn how to make customizations to the Predictor options to personalize learning for individual students. This will assist the student to overcome the barriers that he/she/they experience with written assignments.

To adjust the Predictor User Options, open Clicker 8 and select Options in the top menu. From the list of options, click on Predictor icon to your left.

### Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with:

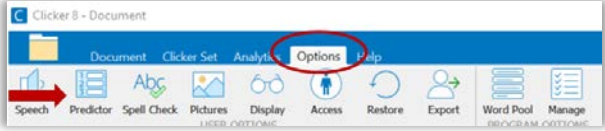
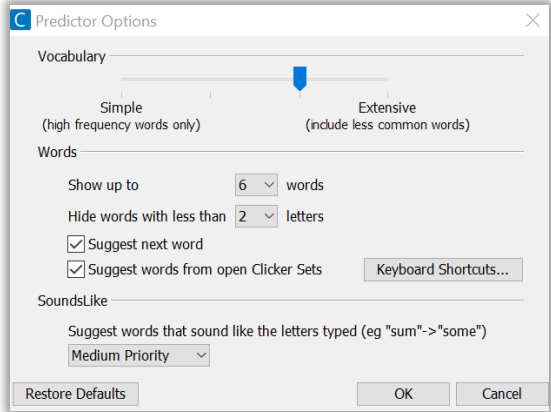
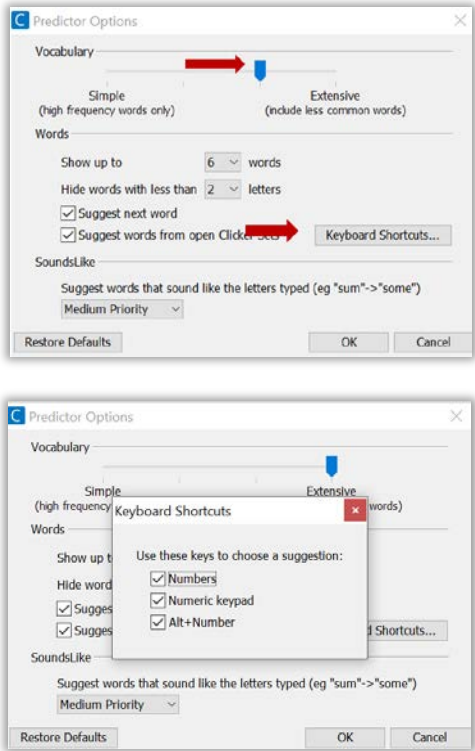
- Customizing the User Options for the Predictor tool.

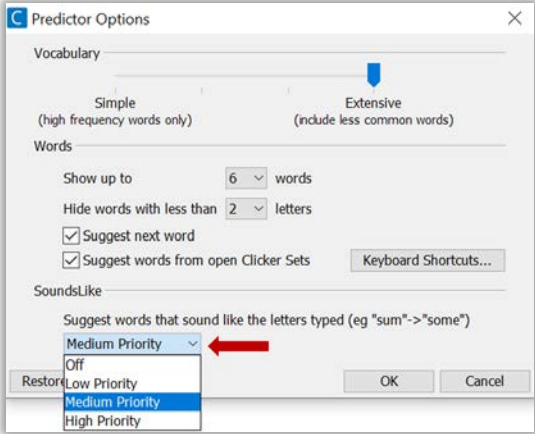
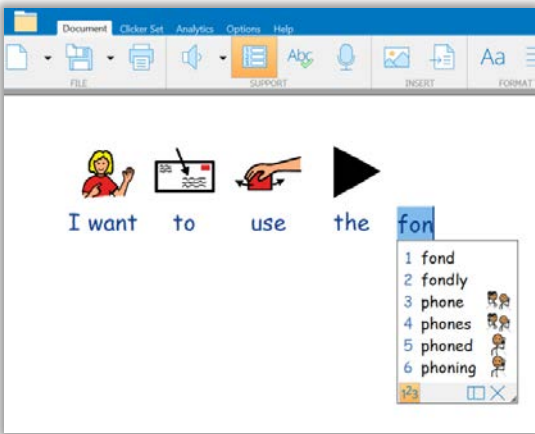
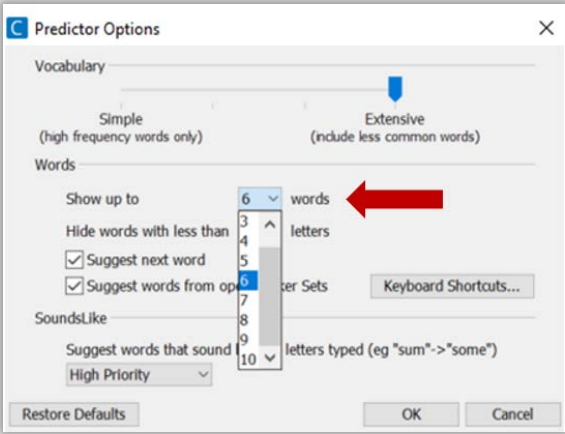
### This tutorial assumes that you have:

- Clicker 8 installed on your computer.
- Knowledge of how to access a document in Clicker 8 and where to find the Options.
- Knowledge of how to change the font in Clicker 8.

### Case Study

José and Ali are in Grade 4. José has Down Syndrome and Ali has a physical disability. José is highly distractible and loves to fidget and change settings in Clicker 8. Ali requires the use of a switch and scanning to use word prediction to compose written work and complete activities. The school-based team would like them to use Clicker 8 to become more independent in written activities in the classroom.

Adjusting preferences for Predictor		
1	<p>With the document open, click on <b>Options</b> at the top of the screen. Click on the predictor icon.</p>	
2	<p>Choosing a <b>Predictor level</b> for a learner ensures they are getting the predicted words that will work for them. The range is from simple (high frequency words only) to extensive which includes less common words.</p> <p>The words that show up can range from 2 to 10 predicted words.</p>	
3	<p>To <b>select</b> a level just slide the <b>slider</b> arrow.</p> <p>For motor reasons it may be easier for a student to select a word by selecting a number rather than locating and selecting a word. <b>Click on Keyboard Shortcuts</b> to turn on the option and to send a word to the Document from the predictor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select Use the number keys</li> <li>• Select Use the numeric keypad</li> <li>• Use Alt+ a number key</li> </ul>	

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">4</p>	<p>For students who have difficulty writing because they cannot phonetically decode words you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select Use SoundsLike prediction.</li> </ul> <p>This means if a student is trying to spell a word that begins with a combination of letters that sound like another letter, like the case of the ph sound in phone, the predictor will predict words that begin with ‘f’ as well as ‘ph’.</p> <p><b>N.B.</b> you have the choice of turning this off, low priority, medium priority or high priority.</p>	 
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">5</p>	<p>Learners who have difficulty with written output are often overwhelmed by too many choices. Reduce frustration in a written assignment by changing the number of words predicted. Change the number of predictions in the list by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click the pull-down arrow and selecting a lower number.</li> </ul> <p>Click <b>Ok</b> to save your changes.</p>	

Tip...

If you want to have larger text in your predictor box select the Sassoon Medium font under the display option. Enlarge the prediction box by placing your cursor in the bottom right and dragging it towards the bottom of the screen. The words should now appear bigger.

